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SUBJECT: Office of Intelligence Research, Department of State  
Projects Initiated since 20 February

A recent request from an ORE analyst suggests that there might be some confusion as to the exact meaning of these weekly reports. You are reminded that the items listed are normally in the very initial stages of production, and in many cases are in the form of notes rather than in draft reports.

1. INTELLIGENCE DIGEST:a. Proposed Items for Forthcoming Issue of 4 March.

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## ITALY

Forthcoming Elections (Possible)

## USSR

Probable Disposition of Current Soviet Aluminum Production ( Also Info Note )

## MIDDLE EAST

Potential Friction over Oil Concession Boundaries in the Arabian Peninsula and Persian Gulf Area

## SIAM

Economic Recovery

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## MANCHURIA

Economic Potential

## JAPAN

Lessened Communist Influence in the Labor Unions

2. SITUATION REPORT ITEMS:

## GERMANY

The Question of an Occupation Statute for Germany  
The New Economic Commission of the Soviet Zone

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
Cabinet Crisis and Its Consequences

KOREA  
Progress in North Korea in Establishing Soviet Satellites

3. INFORMATION NOTES:

JAPAN  
Progress of Securities Disposal in Japan

AUSTRIA  
Valuation of Major Existing and Projected Hydroelectric  
Power Plants

USSR  
Trade Relations of the Soviet Union and Its Far  
Eastern Satellites

4. SOVIET MONTHLY REVIEW ITEMS:

a. Monthly Review of Soviet Policies:  
Convict Labor in the Komi ASSR (Azerbaijan SSR)

5. INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH REPORTS:

The Problem of Plebiscites in Indonesia  
The Political Status of East Indonesia  
Proposal to Permit the Foreign Ownership and Operation of  
Plants in Japan  
Current Immigration Policies of the Other American Republics  
Information Control and Propaganda in the USSR  
Western Europe's Dependence on Eastern European Key Commodities  
(Covering such commodities as grain, coal, timber, and potash)

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